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Applicant: Schaldach, et al.

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Title: STENT INCLUDING HUMAN OR ANIMAL TISSUE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the missing parts in the above case, which is based on German application 100 60 443.9, which was filed on 29 November 2000. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 52 total and 2 independent claims. Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.125, the applicant has provided a substitute specification instead of a clean copy of the paragraphs and claims as they stand after amendment.

Amendments to the Disclosure

The specification as filed has been altered from the literal translation document received to delete information above the title, to insert headings according to US practice, and to insert paragraph numbering in lieu of line numbering. These changes do not introduce new matter.

In addition, please make the following change to the specification:

Amendments to the Claims

After the heading "CLAIMS" and before the beginning of the claims, please insert the words: --What is claimed is: --

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A stent, in particular a coronary stent, for a vessel of a human or animal body, comprising:

a tubular body [(2; 2'; 2'')] for expansion from a first condition into a second condition in which it holds the [a] vessel [(18) of the human or animal body] in an expanded

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